



May 1, 2013

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication, PS Docket No. 11-60

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 30, 2013, Jonathan S. Adelstein, Jonathan M. Campbell, and the undersigned of PCIA – The Wireless Infrastructure Association met with David Turetsky, Lauren Kravetz, Jeffery Goldthorp, Eric Panketh, Renee Roland, John Healy, Genaro Fullano, and Eric Schmidt of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau.

PCIA explained that wireless service providers and infrastructure providers are committed to deploying backup power systems for wireless facilities as quickly and efficiently as possible. A pervasive barrier to that deployment is regulatory regimes at the federal, state, and local levels that govern the installation and operation of backup power technologies.¹ PCIA suggested that tailoring regulations to account for the unique requirements of wireless facilities could hasten the pace of the deployment of backup power systems. Additionally, PCIA discussed its ongoing educational outreach to local jurisdictions and its effort to create a best practices document in conjunction with the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors, which PCIA anticipates will include a discussion of backup power deployment.

PCIA also discussed the state of deployment of shared and third party backup power solutions. Shared backup power allows multiple wireless facility tenants to share a single source of backup power, which permits cost and operational efficiencies. Various segments of the wireless infrastructure ecosystem are currently engaged in providing backup power solutions for wireless facilities, including carriers, infrastructure providers and other services firms.

¹ See Comments of PCIA – The Wireless Infrastructure Association and The DAS Forum, A Membership Section of PCIA, PS Docket Nos. 11-60, 10-92, EB Docket No. 06-119 (filed July 7, 2011).

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed via ECFS. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/

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CC: David Turetsky, Lauren Kravetz, Jeffery Goldthorp, Eric Panketh, Renee Roland, John Healy, Genaro Fullano, and Eric Schmidt